1-A-Day SCRIPTURE

Scripture and Notes

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The aim of these One-A-Day Scripture offerings is to foster individual studies, questions, and thoughts. Hopefully these will lead to guidance from the Holy One. Please keep in mind that no human does or will ever know everything.

It's perfectly alright to READ and to THINK FOR YOURSELF.

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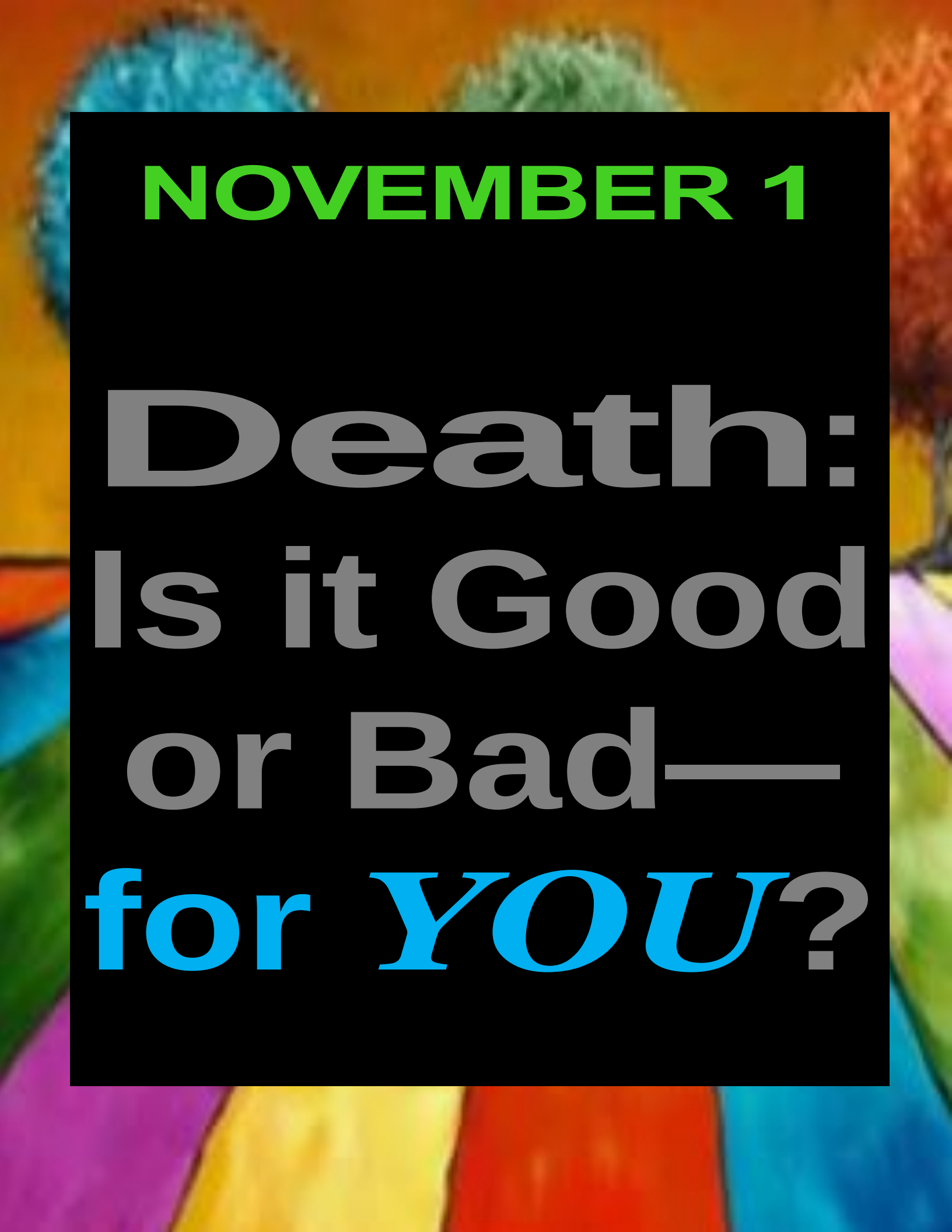
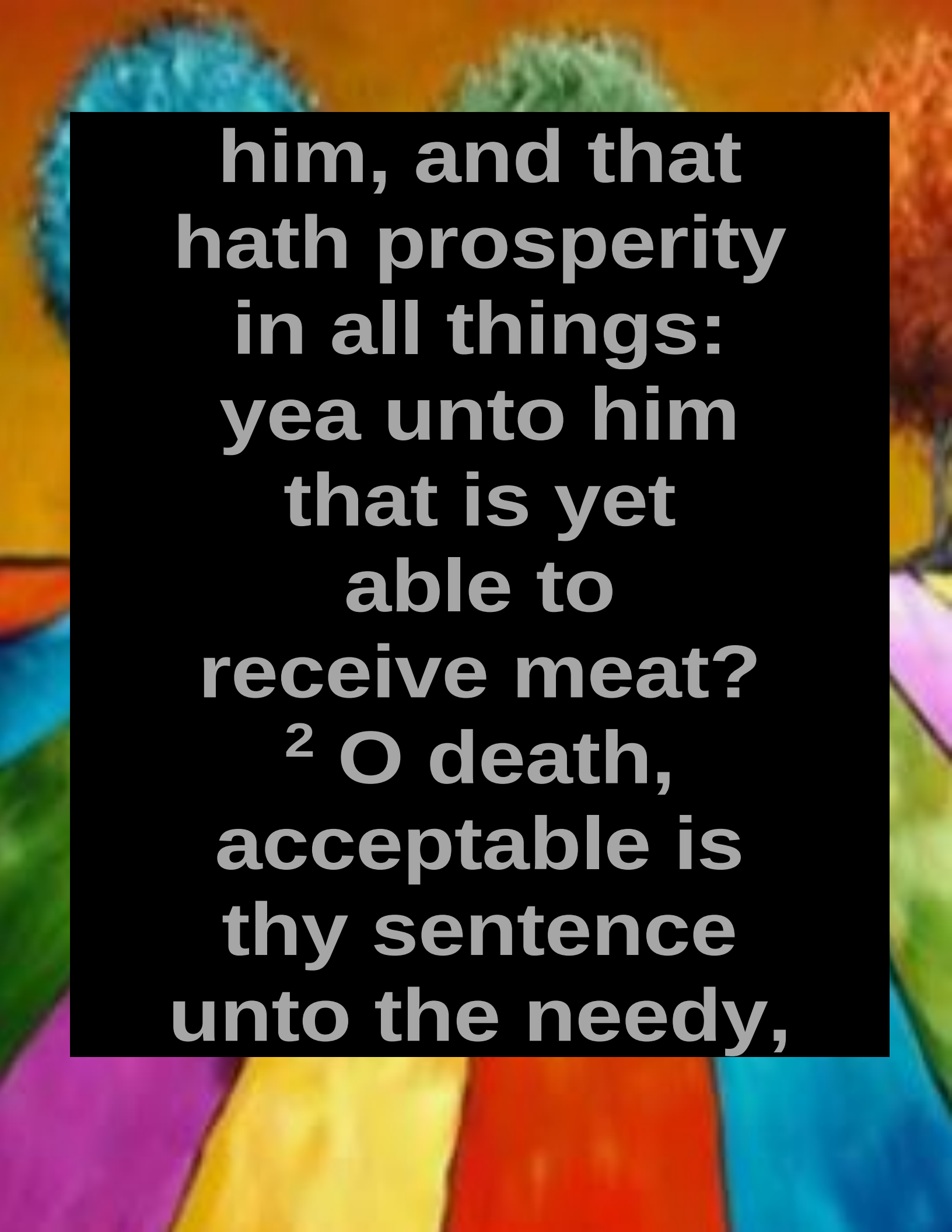
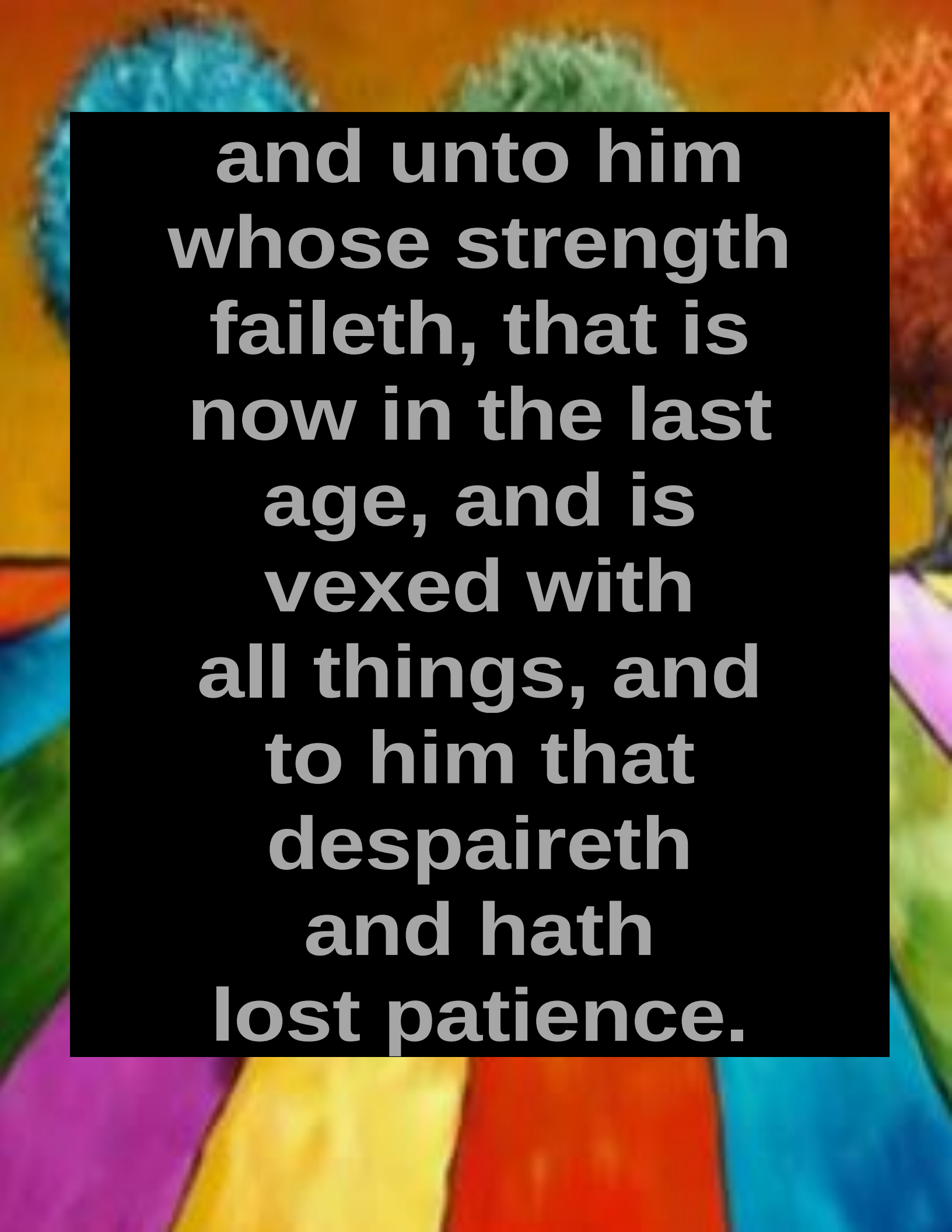
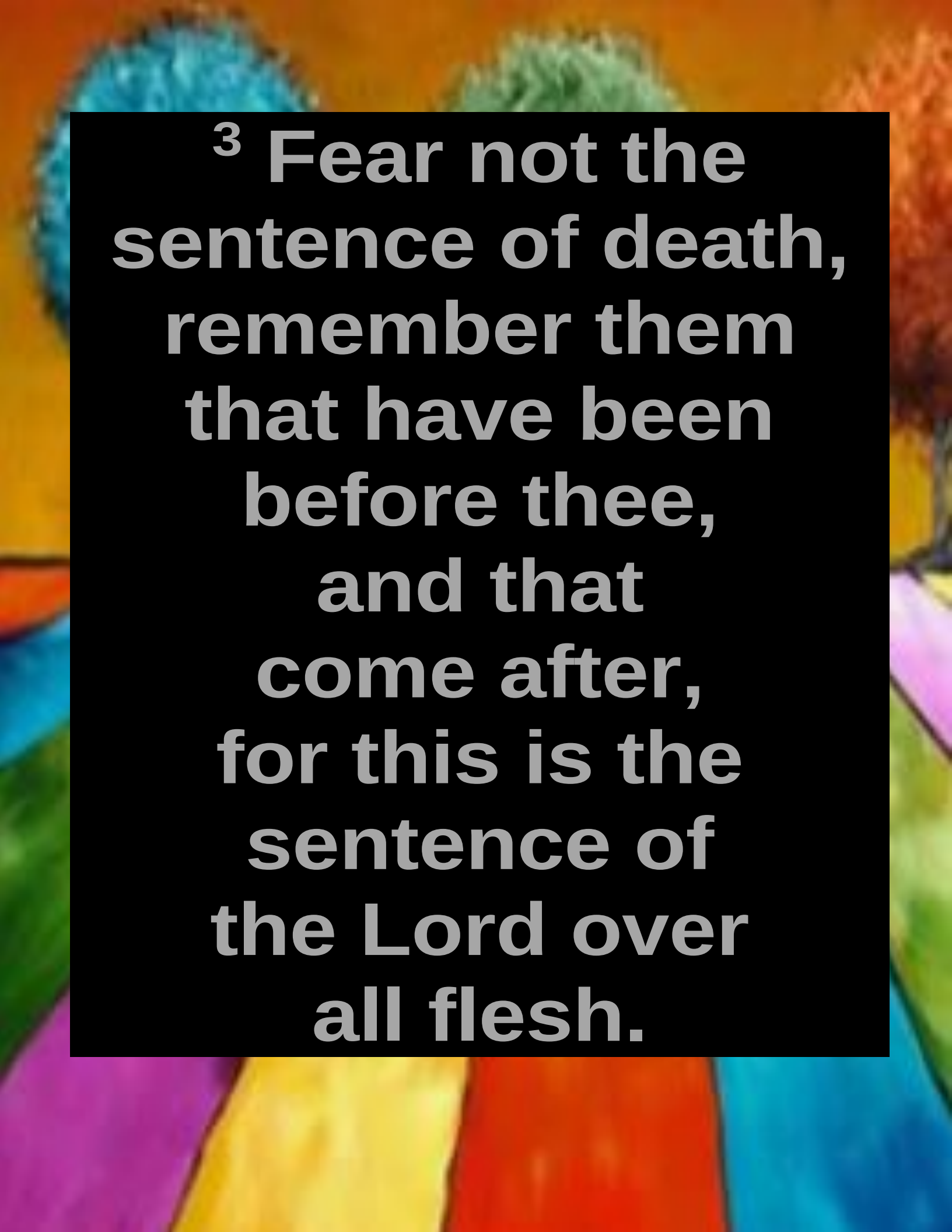

NOVEMBER 1
Death:
Is it Good
or Bad—
for YOU?

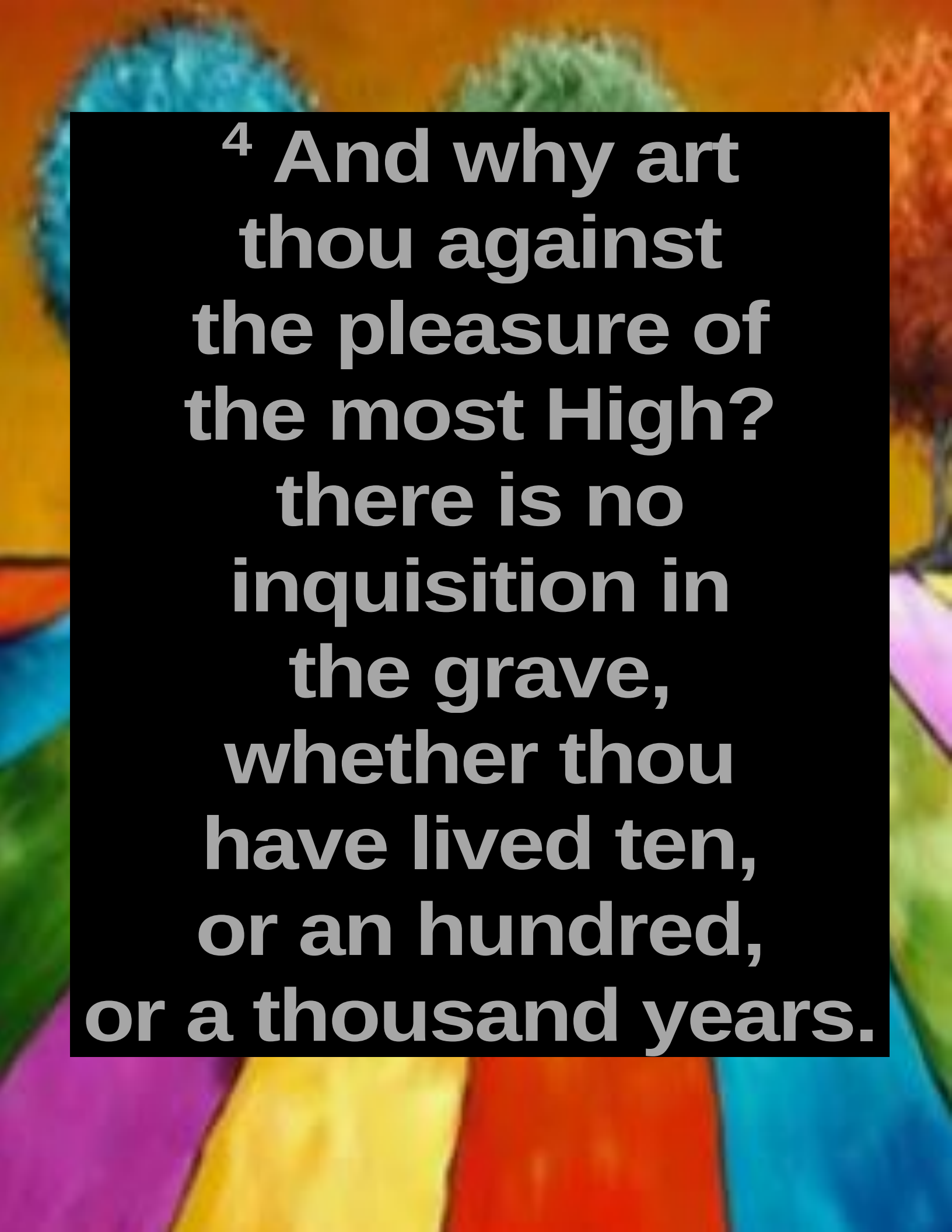
Ecclesiasticus 41:1-4

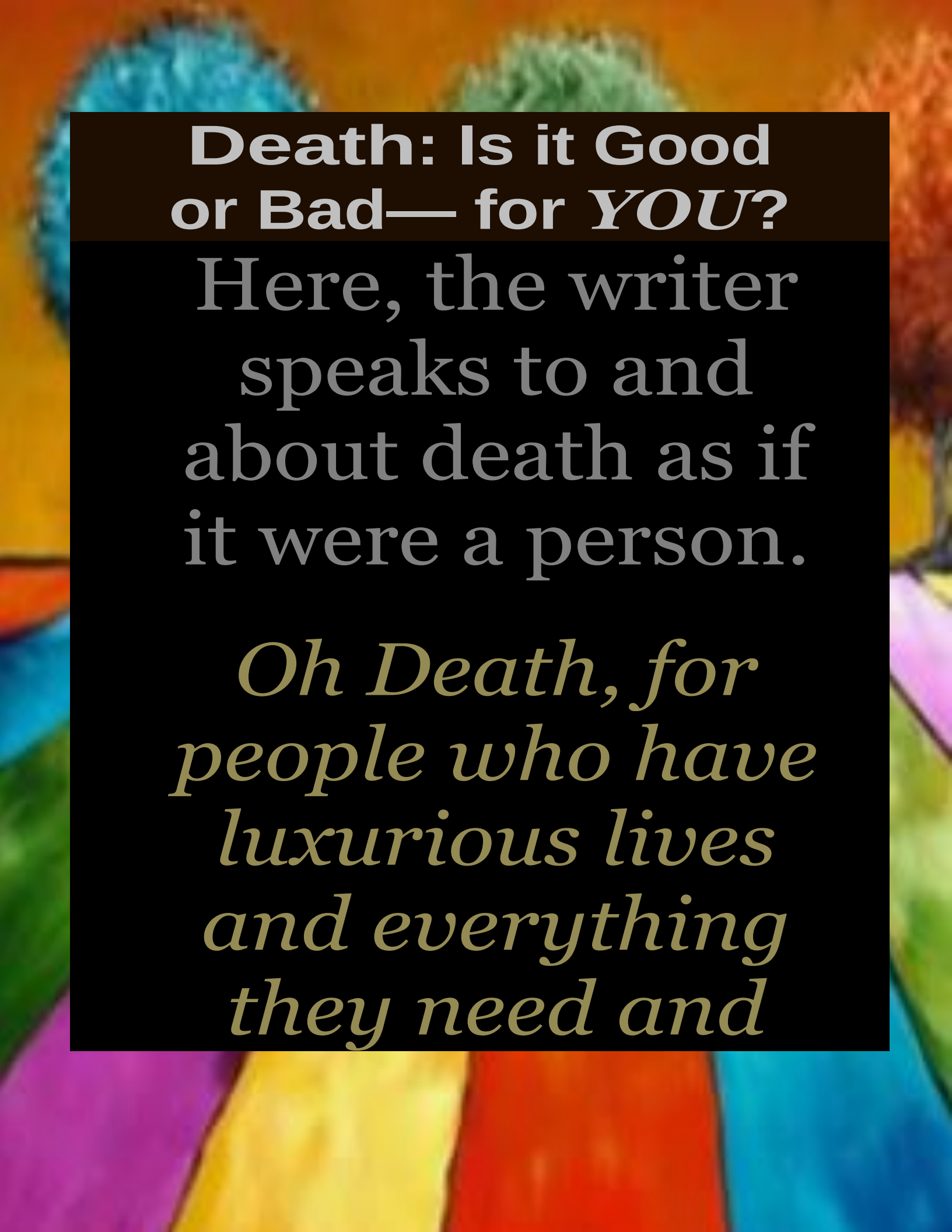
1 O death, how bitter is the remembrance of thee to a man that liveth at rest in his possessions, unto the man that hath nothing to vex


him, and that
hath prosperity
in all things:
yea unto him
that is yet
able to
receive meat?
2 O death,
acceptable is
thy sentence
unto the needy,


and unto him
whose strength
faileth, that is
now in the last
age, and is
vexed with
all things, and
to him that
despaireth
and hath
lost patience.


3 Fear not the
sentence of death,
remember them
that have been
before thee,
and that
come after,
for this is the
sentence of
the Lord over
all flesh.

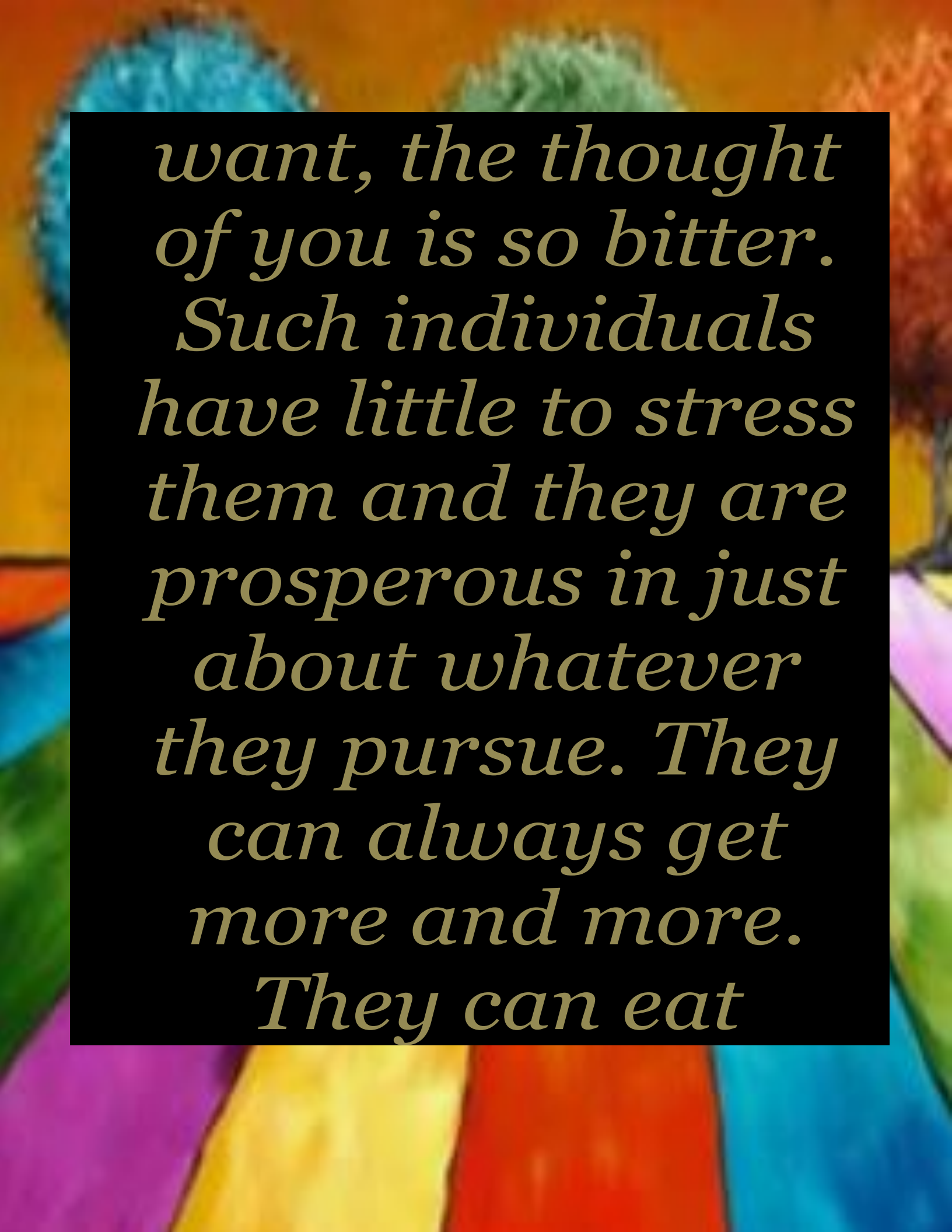

4 And why art thou against the pleasure of the most High? there is no inquisition in the grave, whether thou have lived ten, or an hundred, or a thousand years.

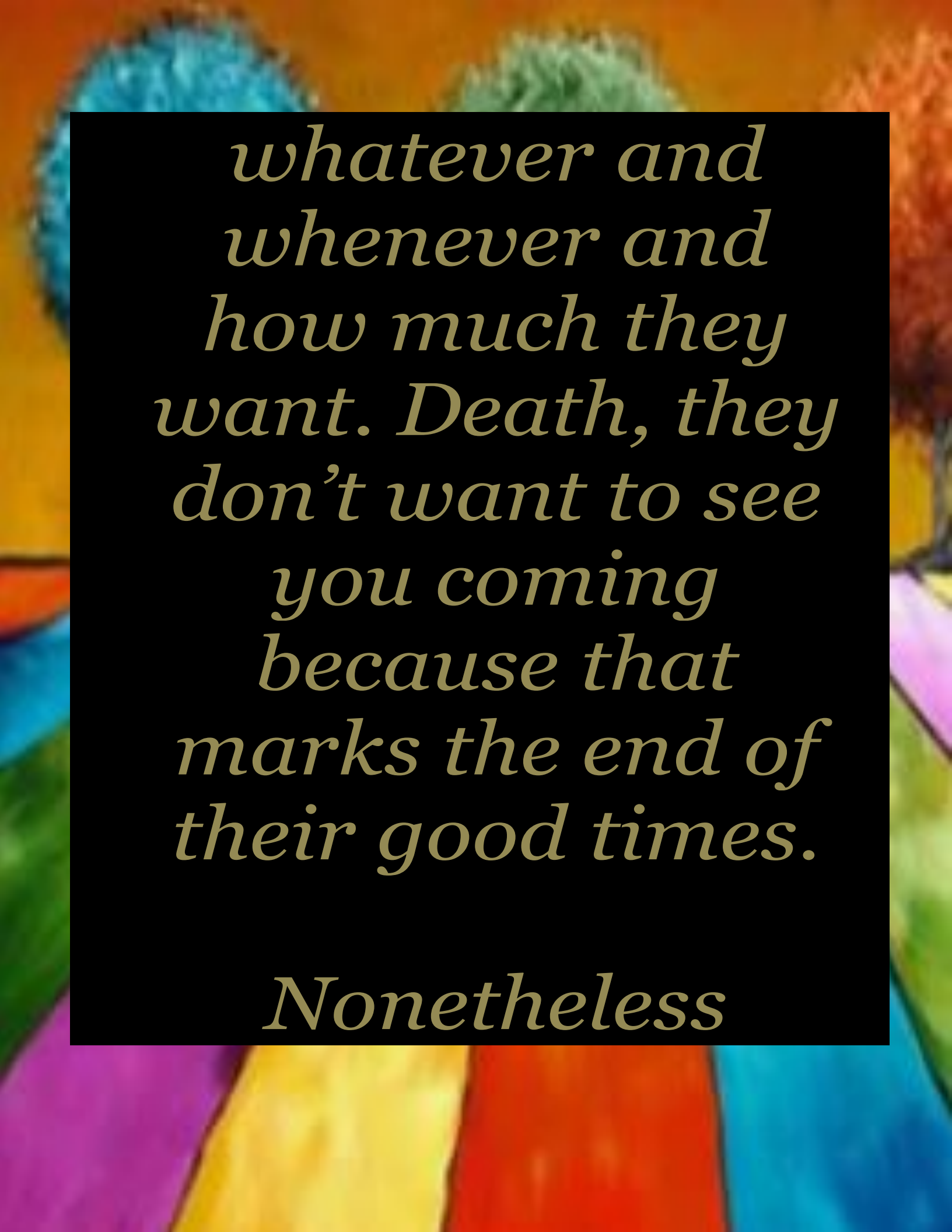


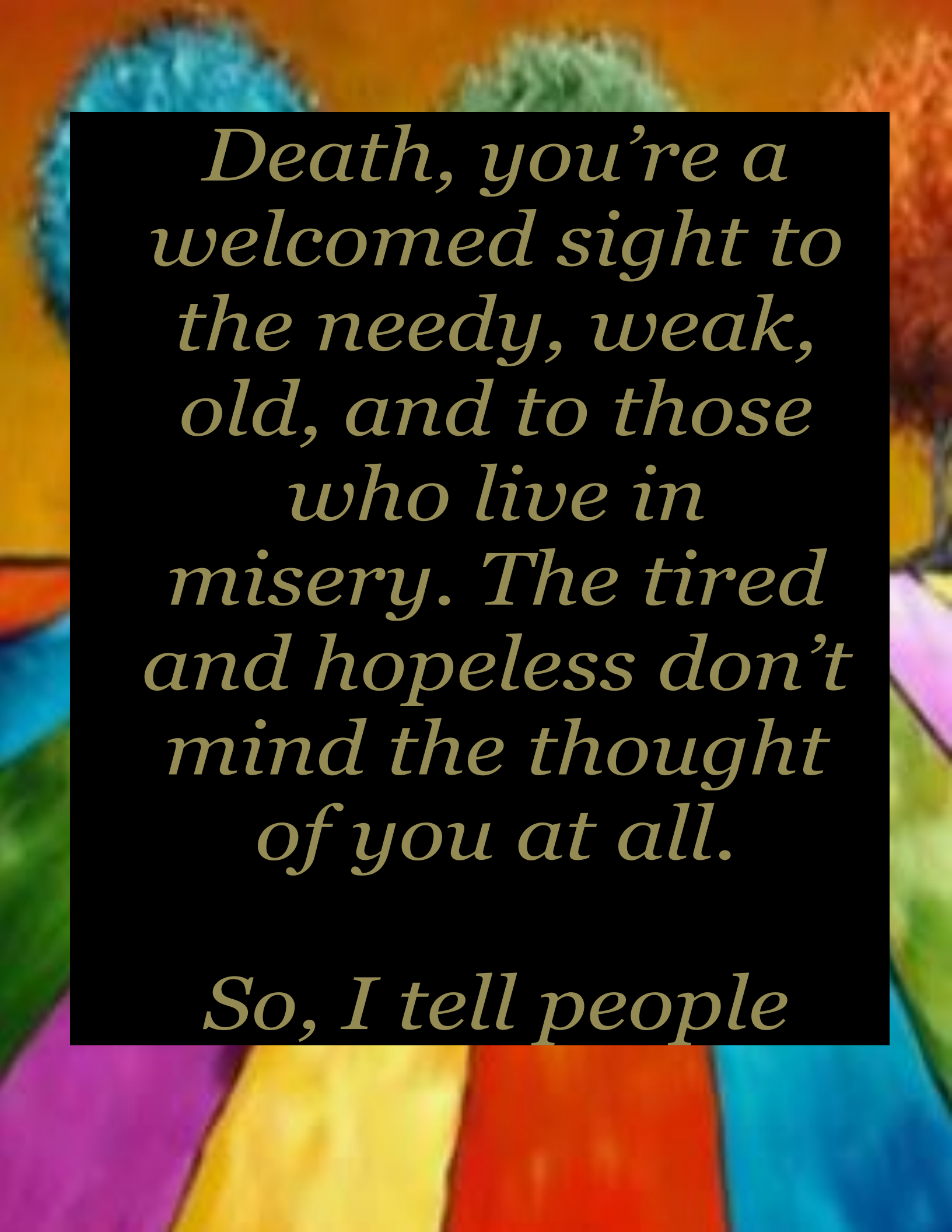
Death: Is it Good or Bad— for *YOU*?

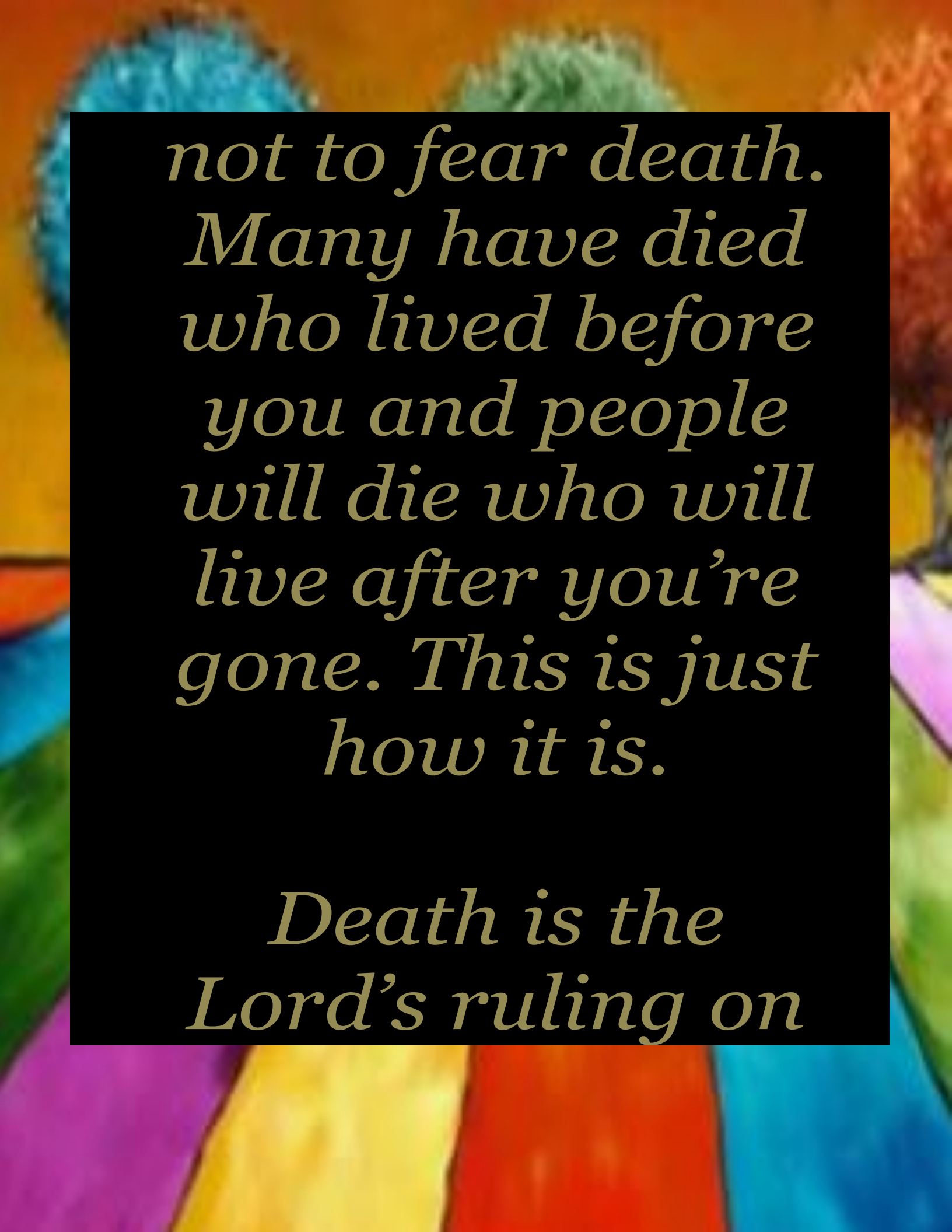
Here, the writer speaks to and about death as if it were a person.

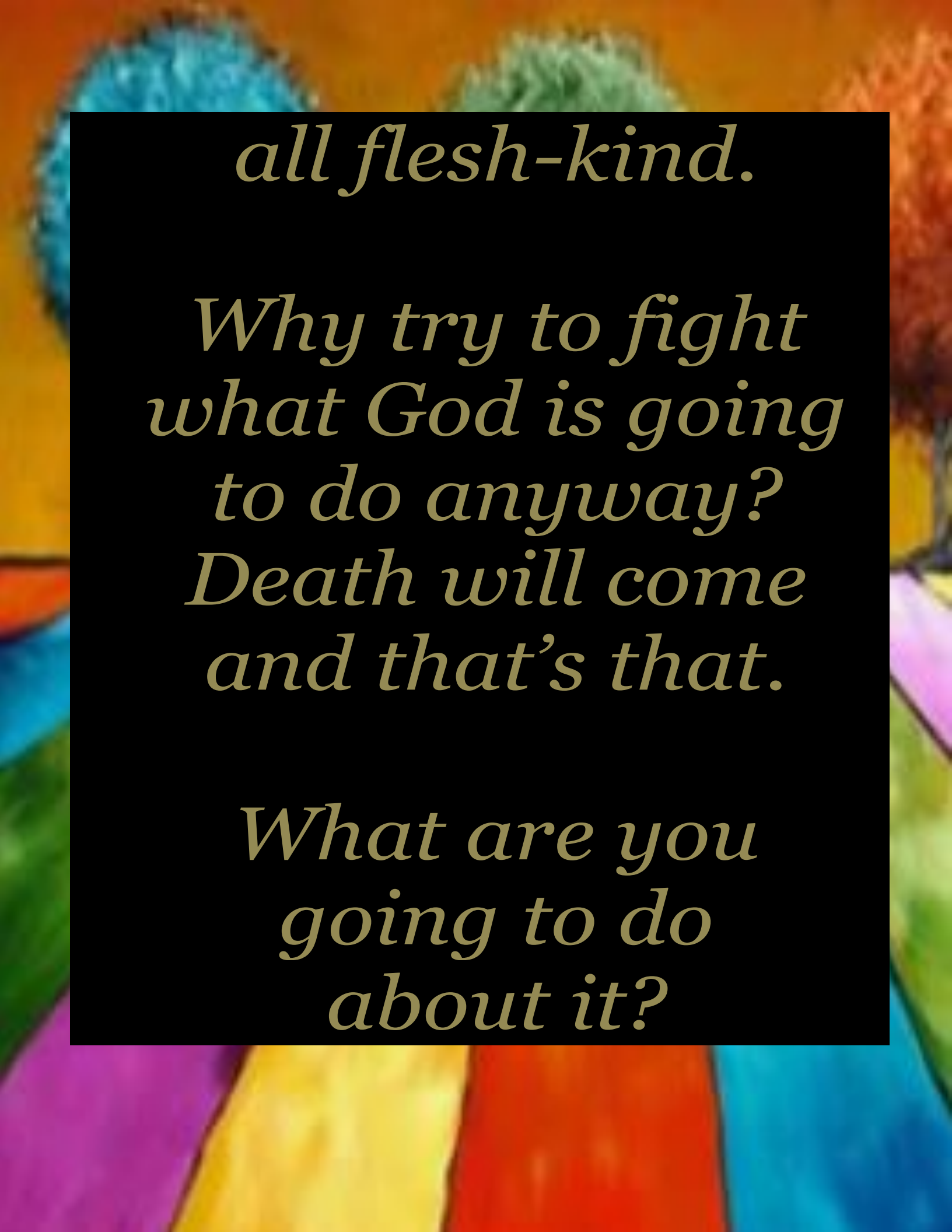
Oh Death, for people who have luxurious lives and everything they need and


want, the thought
of you is so bitter.
Such individuals
have little to stress
them and they are
prosperous in just
about whatever
they pursue. They
can always get
more and more.
They can eat


whatever and
whenever and
how much they
want. Death, they
don't want to see
you coming
because that
marks the end of
their good times.
Nonetheless


Death, you're a welcomed sight to the needy, weak, old, and to those who live in misery. The tired and hopeless don't mind the thought of you at all.
So, I tell people


not to fear death.
Many have died
who lived before
you and people
will die who will
live after you're
gone. This is just
how it is.
Death is the
Lord's ruling on


all flesh-kind.
Why try to fight what God is going to do anyway? Death will come and that's that.
What are you going to do about it?

Are you going to try to interrogate God from your grave?

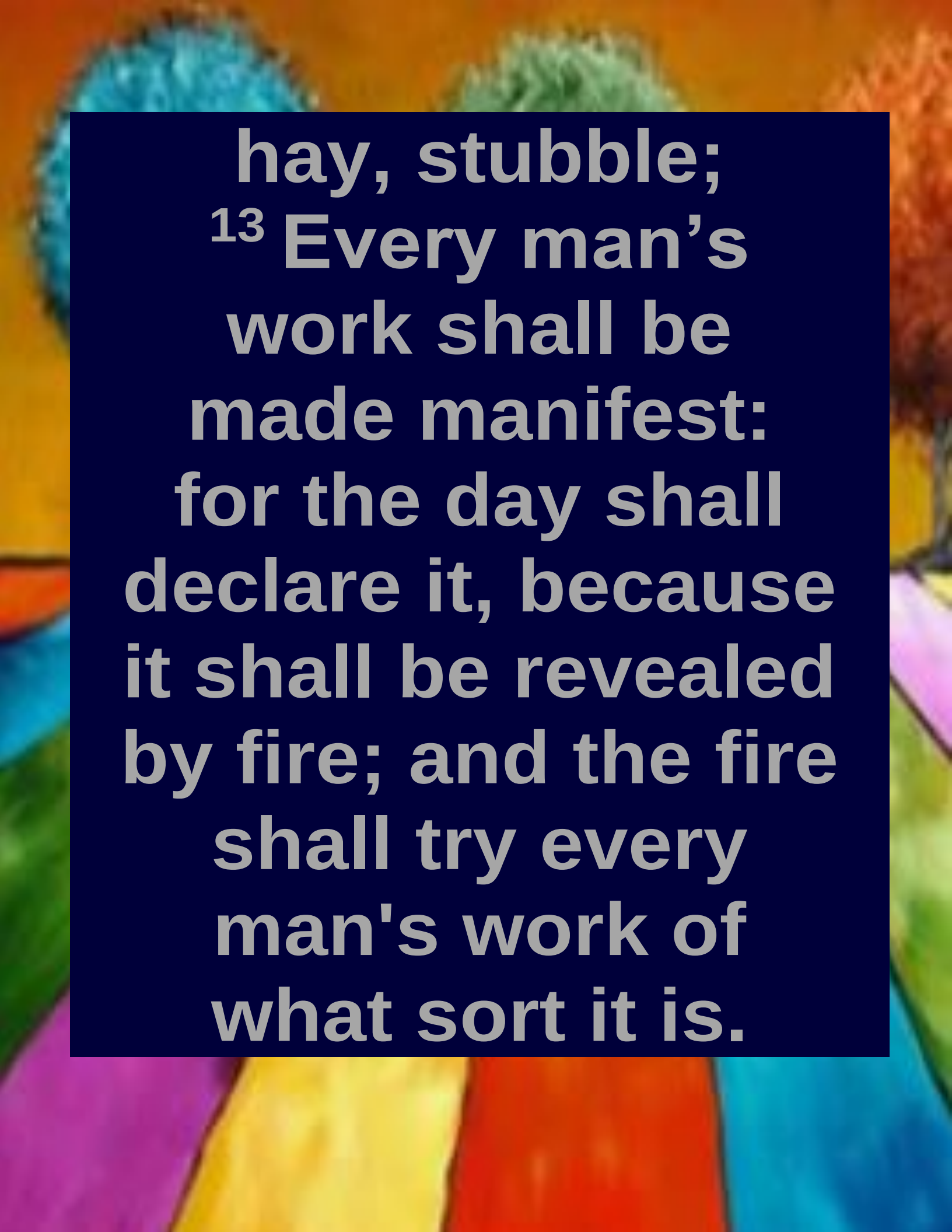
Whether you live 10, 100, or 1000 years, and whether it's a good or bad thing for you

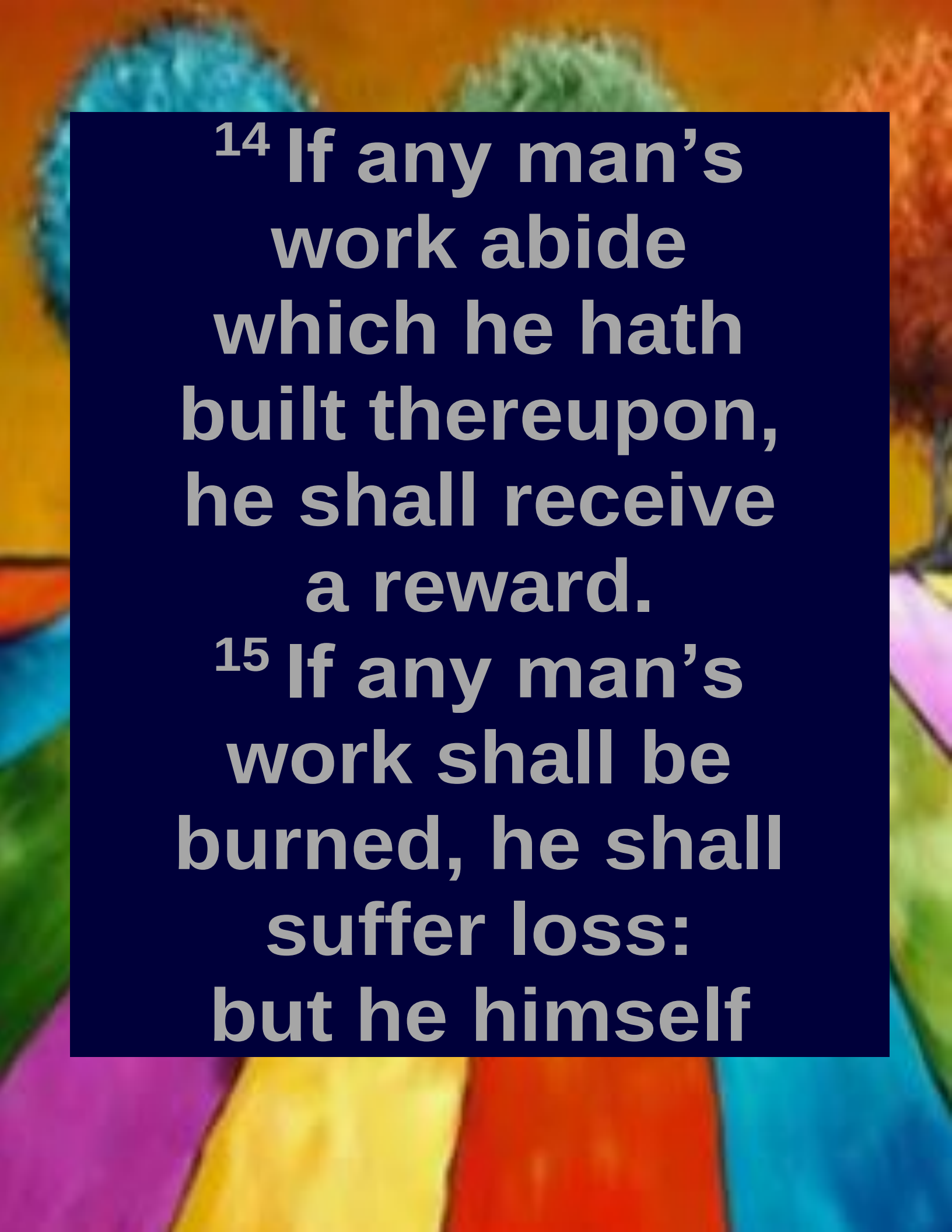
personally,
as a
flesh-and-blood
being, eventually
you absolutely
ARE going to die.

NOVEMBER 2
Gold, Silver, Precious Stones, Wood, Hay, Stubble & Fire

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood,


hay, stubble;
13 Every man’s
work shall be
made manifest:
for the day shall
declare it, because
it shall be revealed
by fire; and the fire
shall try every
man's work of
what sort it is.


14 If any man's
work abide
which he hath
built thereupon,
he shall receive
a reward.
15 If any man's
work shall be
burned, he shall
suffer loss:
but he himself

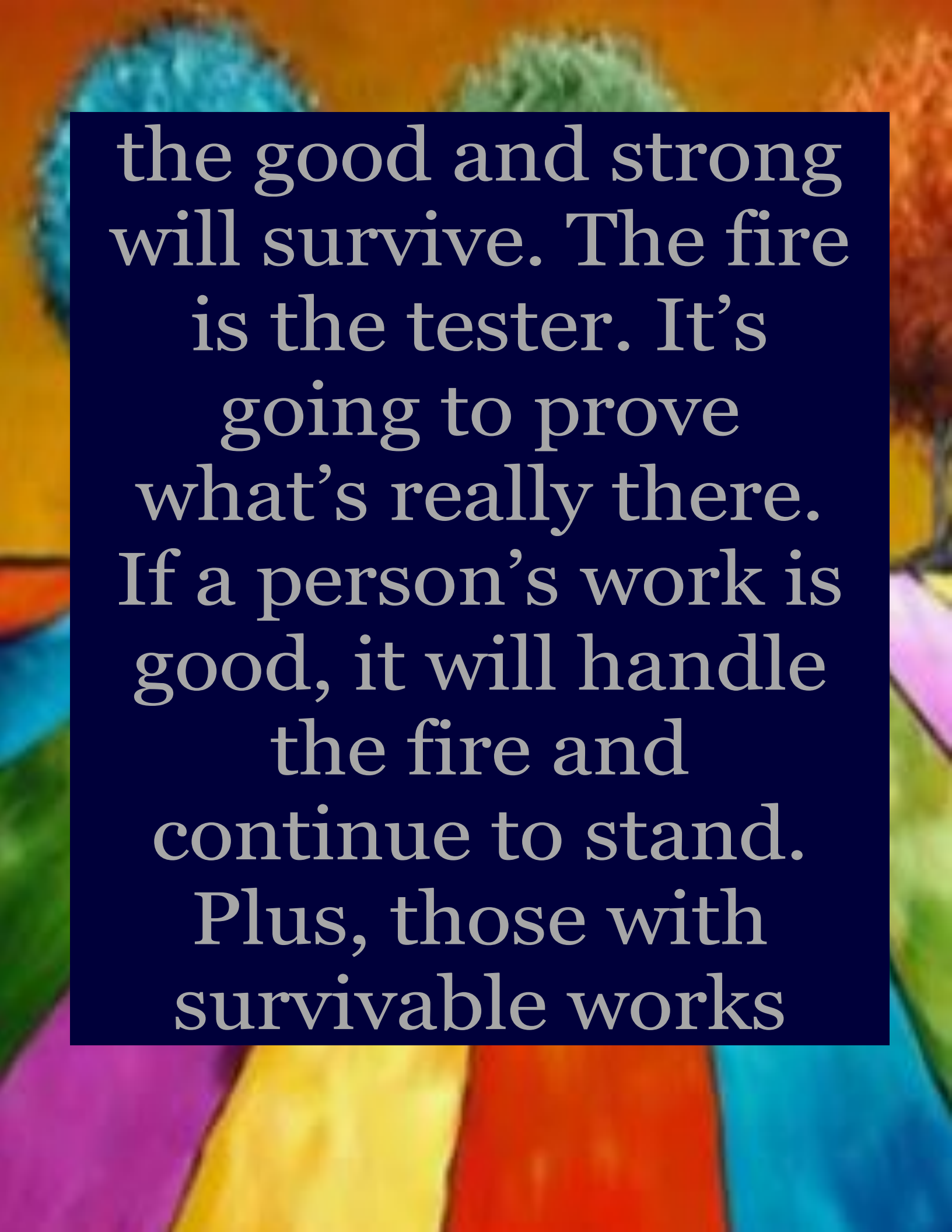
shall be saved;
yet so
as by fire.

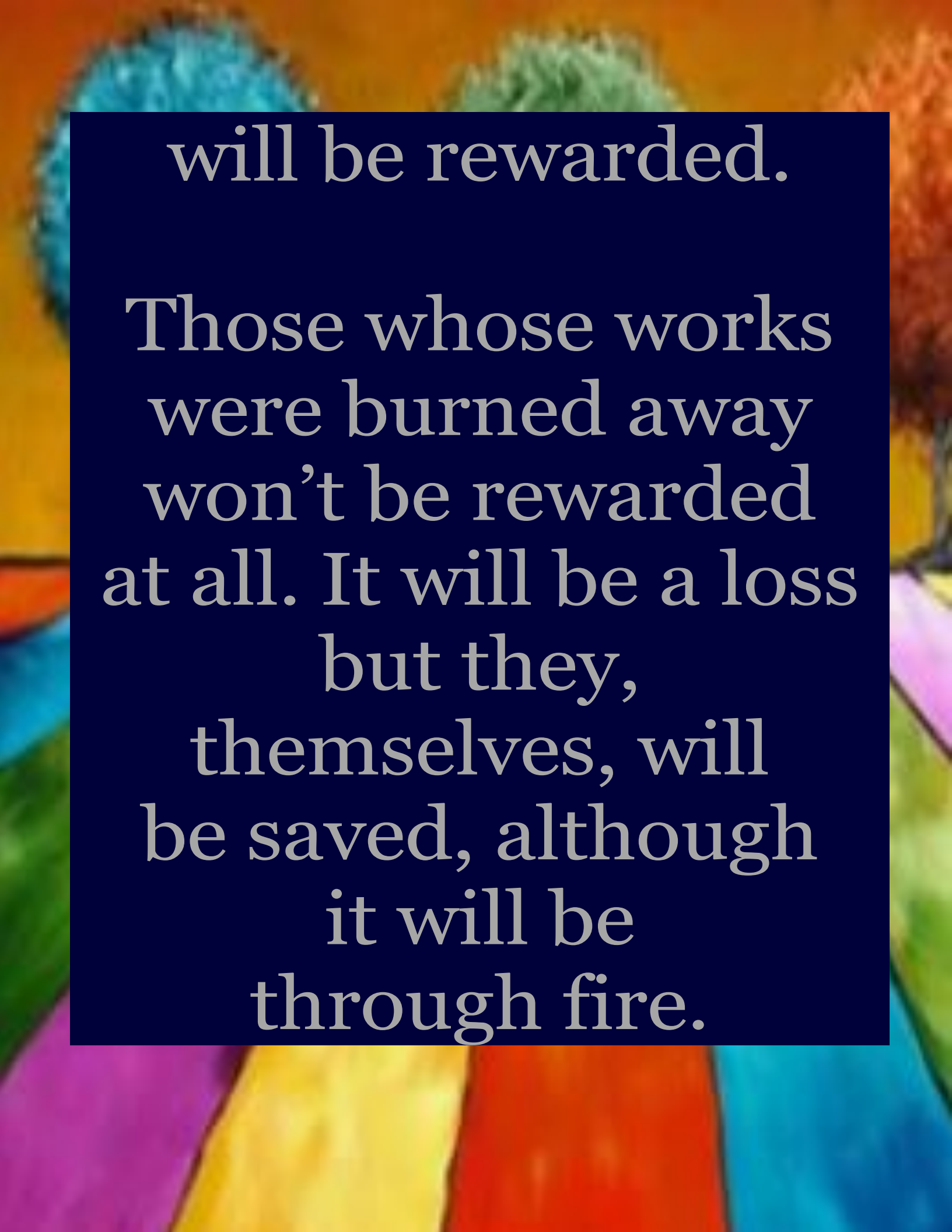
Gold, Silver, Precious Stones, Wood, Hay, Stubble & Fire

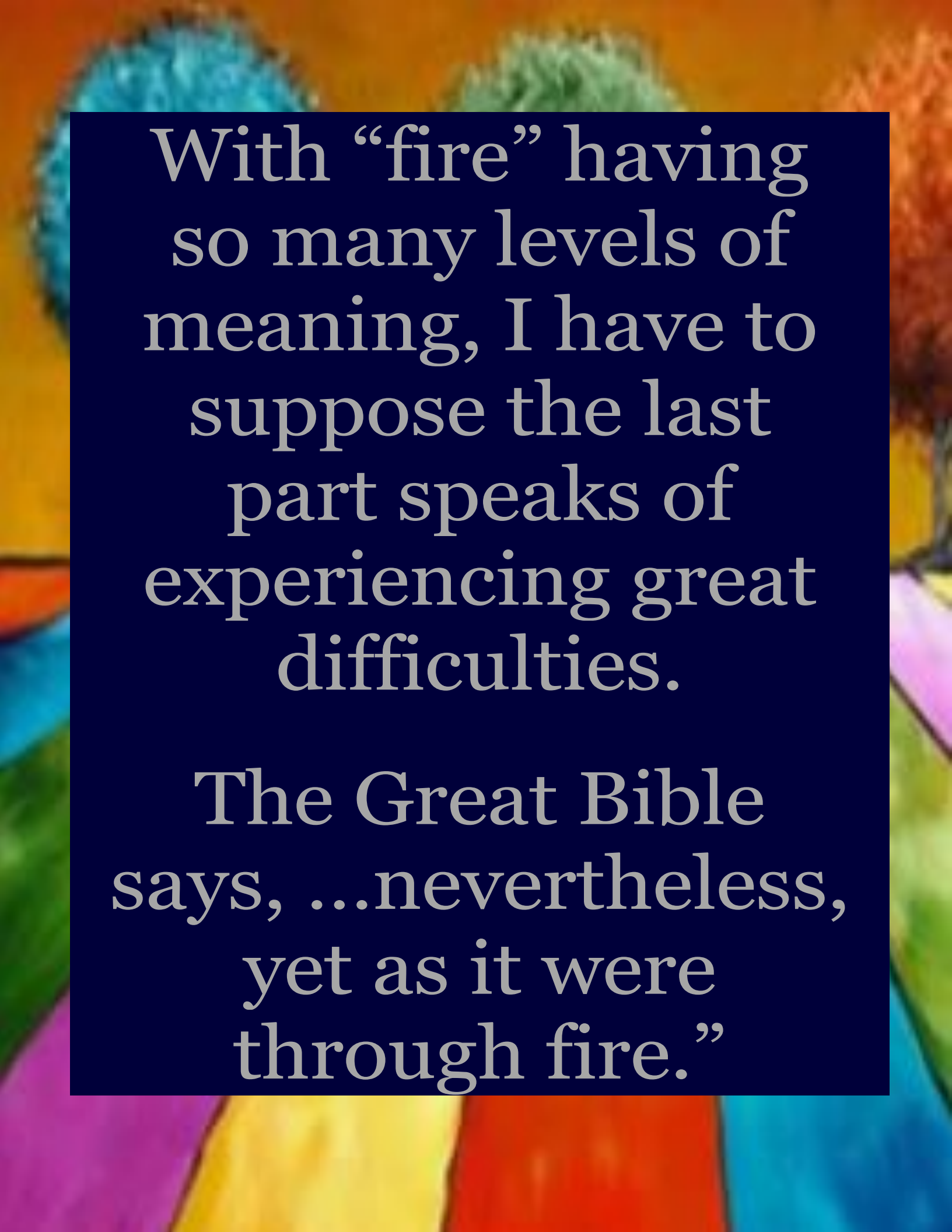
Jesus the Christ is the foundation and no one can arrange a better one. Now, you can build. You can build gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, and stubble, but every

person's work will be made known. Why? Time will tell. It will be made known one day and it will be revealed by fire.

That means everything else will peel away and only


the good and strong will survive. The fire is the tester. It's going to prove what's really there. If a person's work is good, it will handle the fire and continue to stand. Plus, those with survivable works


will be rewarded.
Those whose works were burned away won't be rewarded at all. It will be a loss but they, themselves, will be saved, although it will be through fire.


With “fire” having so many levels of meaning, I have to suppose the last part speaks of experiencing great difficulties.
The Great Bible says, …nevertheless, yet as it were through fire.”

NOVEMBER 3

Either
Un-Condemned
Or
Already
Condemned

John 3:18

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Either Un-Condemned OR Already Condemned

It's plain. Whoever believes on Jesus is not condemned. Whoever does not believe on Jesus is condemned, not after death; right now. This is not a future thing. It's a current thing.

One is already one or the other. The issue is whether or not one believes in the name of the only uniquely born, begotten, Son of God. That's the determining factor with regard to eternal salvation.

That's biblical truth. There's no middle ground. It's not sweet-talk to satisfy every taste. It's not universalism or ecumenism.

That's a hard-line and most unpopular belief system. Some

may call it radical. Others may call such belief “bigotry”. Nonetheless, people are, according to this scriptural passage, either one or the other: uncondemned, or already condemned.

NOVEMBER 4

Thirsty or Thirst-*free*?

John 4:14

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him

a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Thirsty or Thirst-*free*?

Whoever drinks of Jesus' spiritual water, the distinctive kind of water that only he can give, will never again be spiritually thirsty.

That water is a non-stop flow

which leads to everlasting life.

Each person may ask themselves:
Am I
thirst-*T*
or
thirst-free?

NOVEMBER 5

Sometimes AFTER Earthquakes

Acts 16:25-34

25 And at midnight
Paul and Silas
prayed, and sang
praises unto God:
and the prisoners
heard them.
26 And suddenly
there was a great
earthquake, so that
the foundations of

the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.
27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors

open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.
28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

[29] Then he called
for a light, and
sprang in, and
came trembling,
and fell down
before Paul
and Silas,
[30] And brought
them out, and said,
Sirs, what must I
do to be saved?

31 And they said,
Believe on the
Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt
be saved, and
thy house.
32 And they spake
unto him the word
of the Lord, and
to all that were
in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.
34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before

them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

Sometimes AFTER Earthquakes

Godly people were imprisoned, but even while in that challenging situation, they were praying and praising. A major earthquake hit and it was so powerful that it shook the foundation of the

prison and caused the doors to be opened. The earthquake also caused restraints to be loosened so that the prisoners could escape.

The guard had been napping on the job. When he awakened

and looked around, he thought the prisoners had fled. Apparently the guard felt he would be so severely punished if that happened that taking his own life would be better. With his sword, he was about to do just that.

Paul, however, shouted for him not to take his life. He told the guard all the prisoners were still there; no one had escaped.

The guard's heart was changed and he wanted to be

saved just as the men were who had a chance to escape but didn't. The guard believed and was baptized.

Somehow, the guard even managed to take Paul and some other prisoners to his house.

All of these wonderful things happened—but only AFTER the earthquake. Things had to tremble and quake before stubborn hearts would, in humility, break. Stuff had to rumble, loosen, and move in order for

salvation to take place.

It was after the earthquake that the man understood that he could be saved for good.

In life, not everything will be sweet and bubbly. The Believer

can pray and praise the most High, even during confining and restricting situations.

Not everything will be pleasant and sometimes after earthquakes, there is change.

NOVEMBER 6

Condemnation-free Conditions

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Condemnation-free Conditions

Walking “after the flesh” rather than “after the Spirit”—what does that mean?

Why do some, whose lives resemble more *flesh* than *Spirit*, profess to be “*in*

Christ Jesus”?

Is it reasonable to live in a way that is self-gratifying (“after the flesh”) yet still expect “no condemnation”?

Are there certain conditions which

must be met for one to be without condemnation or condemnation-free?

Does this scriptural verse provide criteria for the state of being free of condemnation?:

- to those who are

in Christ Jesus

▶ to those who do not live in pursuit of fleshly desires, but instead, pursue the desires of Great Spirit.

NOVEMBER 7

Sealed unto the Day of Redemption

Ephesians 4:30

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Sealed unto the Day of Redemption

Do not grieve the holy Spirit of God. Believers grieve the Spirit if we do the opposite of scriptural guidance such as failing to maintain peace and harmony in the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4)

Scripture is replete with instructions on holy living so that one does not grieve the holy Spirit. It is the holy Spirit that we do not want to offend, which seals us—keeps us securely.

We are sealed by God's holy Spirit both now and to the day of redemption.

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"*Sealed to the Day of Redemption*" (often recognized as "*I've Been Sealed*") is a gospel song performed by the group, *Charles Johnson*

& The Revivers.

The song's lyrics describe the promise of being spiritually sealed presently and through to the day of redemption.

NOVEMBER 8

Loving Your Maker

Ecclesiasticus 47:8

In all his works he praised the holy one most High, with words of glory, with his whole heart he sung songs, and loved him that made him.

Loving Your Maker

That's love! In ALL his works, he (David) "praised the holy one most High" with "words of glory" with his "whole heart".

He sang songs and expressed affection toward the One who

make him.
That's actually showing love; it's communicating adoration for the Maker.

NOVEMBER 9

Tribulations, Patience, Experience, Hope

Romans 5:3-5

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;
4 And patience, experience; and experience,

hope:
5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Tribulations, Patience, Experience, Hope

The phrase, “We glory in tribulations” means we can still be thankful and still give praise *in* or *during* tough times. In the presence of storms, we are able to have peace because we know that these,

sometimes quite harsh, situations have distinct purposes.

This passage shows a process. Tribulation promotes patience which, in turn, gives opportunities for experience.

Then experience brings about hope. Hope prevents us from the shame of being without the love of God. The Holy Ghost, which was given to us, causes God's love to fill our hearts. So indirectly,

tribulation has the ability to increase the expression of God's love within.

That is the case for the mind and heart which is submitted to God. God's love is spread abroad in

our hearts.

The bad times make way for chances to show that our Creator really does love and take care of us. We're shown that, were we to experience only good times, God

could not express his love within us to that same degree. In other words, we need the whole *tribulation, patience, experience, hope* process to allow God's love to be manifested throughout our

hearts—“shed abroad”.

It’s important to understand that it is God’s love, not our love, that grows and spreads. If we misinterpret this passage to mean we’re going

to be automatically more sweet, happy, or loving due to tribulations, we will likely be extremely disappointed.

Coverdale, 1535

Not onely ȳ, but we reioyse also ī troubles, for ſo moch as we knowe, ȳ * trouble bryngeth pacīēce, pacīēce bryngeth experīēce, experīēce bryngeth hope: As for hope, is letteth vs not come to cō fuſion, because the loue of God is ſhed abrode in oure hertes, by the holy gooſt which is geuen vnto vs.

Not only that, but we rejoice also in troubles, for so much as we know, that trouble bringeth patience,

patience bringeth experience, experience bringeth hope: As for hope, it letteth us not come to confusion, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

The Coverdale clarifies two points.

First, by using the word “troubles”, it indicates situations don’t have to be as extreme as the word “tribulations” implies; it can be any degree of trouble.

Secondly, the word

“confusion” makes much more sense in context to the rest of the passage. There’s a difference between not being “ashamed” (AKJV) and not coming to “confusion” or being confused (Coverdale).

While hardships could possibly cause shame, it makes more sense that seemingly unjustified grief may more likely cause **confusion** than shame. Why would someone be *ashamed* of

something bad happening to themselves? Perhaps if someone bragged that nothing bad could happen to them, they might be ashamed of troubles. Generally, however, when there are troubles we didn't

knowingly cause, there could easily be confusion as to the "why" such problem is happening or has happened.

Job, of the Old Testament, wasn't ashamed of the misery heaped on

him, but he surely was confused.

Confusion is similar to saying, “Why is this happening? Where are you, God? What’s going on?”

From the Coverdale, we are told that any of these troublesome

things happening
don't have to leave
us confused
because the love
of God is in action.

So, the entire process
of tribulations,
patience, experience,
and hope is ultimately
a good thing.

NOVEMBER 10

Christ

=

Life

Colossians 3:4

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Christ = Life

Christ is our life. When he appears, we'll appear with him in glory.

Some say when he appears, we'll disappear.

The important

point is that,
first and
foremost,
Christ must
be our life
for Christ
IS life.

NOVEMBER 11

Begotten Us Again

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by

the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Begotten Us Again

Because of the resurrection of Jesus—his return from death, we are reborn. God has made this so, out of His mercy, which is plentiful. Bless Him.

NOVEMBER 12

1

4

ever

Hebrews 10:14

For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

1 4 Ever

With 1 sacrifice forever, Jesus has forever perfected those who are set apart.

It only took one offering to do that and only Jesus could

have done it.
Why?

Only Jesus was,
and is, completely
without sin.
Therefore, he
alone could
and did make
1 offering which
lasts 4ever.

NOVEMBER 13

Seek & Save Quest

Luke 19:10

For the Son
of man
is come
to seek and
to save that
which was
lost.

God is not trying to push people away.

He has sent Jesus on a quest to find and save those who are lost.

NOVEMBER 14

My Truth, Your Truth, *THE* Truth

John 8:32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

My Truth, Your Truth, *THE* Truth

This is straightforward.

It means you will know the truth and the truth will cause you to be free.

This verse does not say that when you *tell* the truth, it will make you free from the consequences of your behavior or from judgments in connection to legalities.

Culpable people

are sometimes
still imprisoned,
for example,
though they
have plead guilty
and have
even genuinely
apologized for
their actions.

This verse also

does not say that because you are innocent of an accusation and know the truth of the circumstances, you will be free of suspicion or free of unjustifiable punishment.

Innocent people are sometimes still not believed and are imprisoned, for example, every day and it happens all over the world.

Knowing the

truth, as applied in this scripture, is to personally KNOW the one who is called "the Truth".

It's not about "*my* truth" or "*your* truth". Rather, knowing

the truth
is acceptance
of THE Truth;
the one who
frees from the
eternal penalty
of sin.

NOVEMBER 15

Kinds of Friends

Ecclesiasticus 37:1-4

1 Every friend
sayeth, I am
his friend also:
but there is a
friend which is
only a friend
in name.
2 Is it not a
grief unto
death, when

a companion
and friend
is turned to
an enemy?
3 O wicked
imagination,
whence camest
thou in to
cover the
earth with
deceit?

[4] There is a companion, which rejoiceth in the prosperity of a friend: but in the time of trouble will be against him.

Kinds of Friends

Anyone can
claim to be
a friend, but
not everyone is
a real friend.

There are some
friends who
are so—
in name only.

They call themselves your friend, but their actions prove otherwise.

Isn't it really horrible when a "friend" or companion, or at least

someone you *thought* was your friend, shows themselves to actually be your enemy?

There are fair-weather, deceitful, friends

who will be with you only when things are going well and money is flowing. However, when there's trouble, they won't support you. In fact, they'll go against you.

No one benefits
from these
kinds of friends.

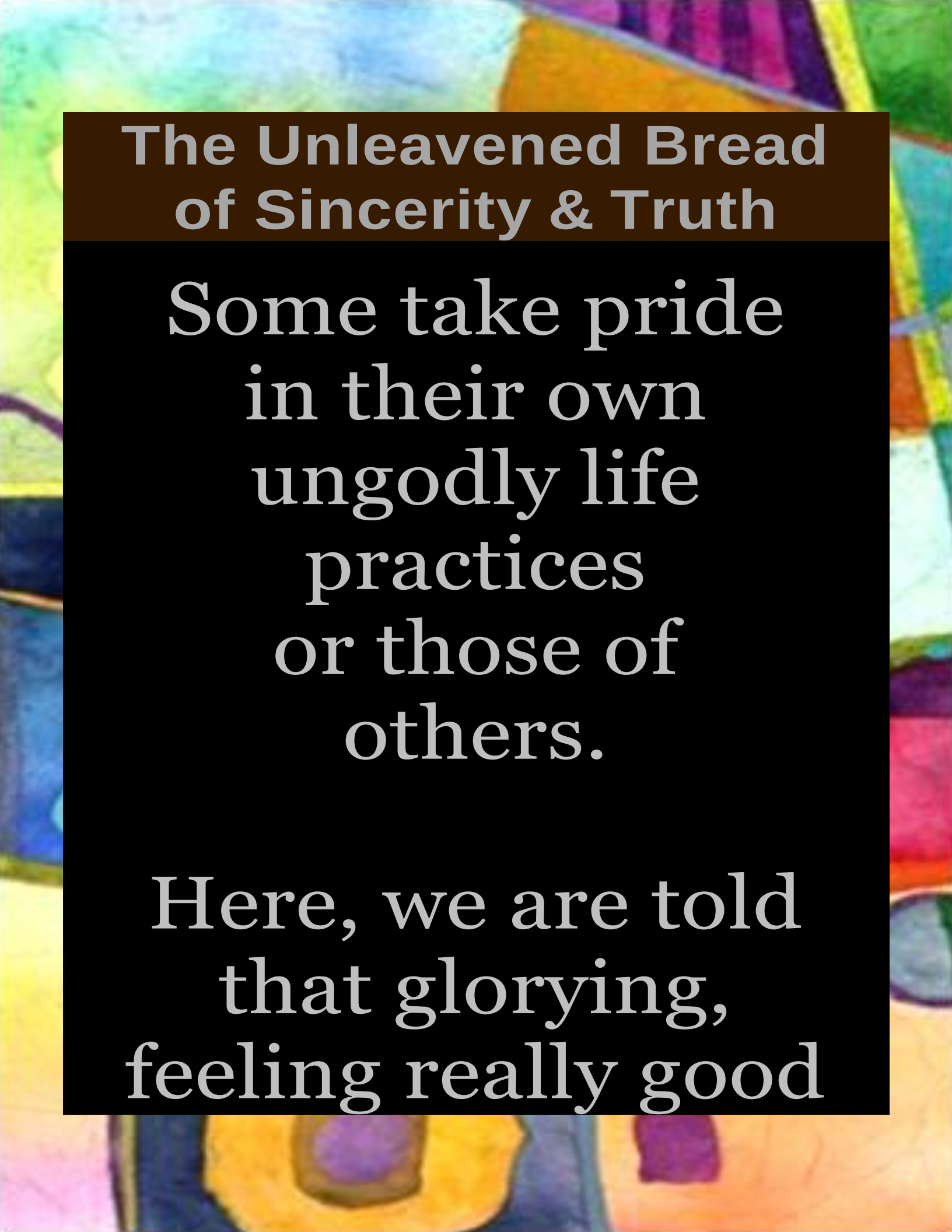
NOVEMBER 16
The Unleavened Bread of Sincerity & Truth

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

6 Your glorying is
not good. Know ye
not that a little
leaven leaveneth
the whole lump?
7 Purge out
therefore the old
leaven, that ye
may be a new
lump, as ye are

unleavened.
For even Christ
our passover is
sacrificed for us:
8 Therefore let
us keep the
feast, not with
old leaven,
neither with the
leaven of malice
and wickedness;

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.



The Unleavened Bread of Sincerity & Truth

Some take pride
in their own
ungodly life
practices
or those of
others.

Here, we are told
that glorying,
feeling really good

about something,
is not acceptable.

When you accept
a little, you'll soon
embrace a lot.

Metaphorically
speaking, we are
told to not use
the kind of bread

(behavior) that keeps rising (worsening).

Instead, we should feast on the good kind of bread— that of sincerity and truth.

NOVEMBER 17
Tearful
Night
& Day
Warnings

Acts 20:27-31

27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.
28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made

you overseers,
to feed the church
of God, which he
hath purchased
with his own
blood.
29 For I know this,
that after my
departing shall
grievous wolves
enter in among

you, not sparing
the flock.
30 Also of your
own selves
shall men arise,
speaking
perverse things,
to draw away
disciples after
them.
31 Therefore

watch, and
remember,
that by the space
of three years
I ceased not to
warn every one
night and day
with tears.

Tearful Night & Day Warnings

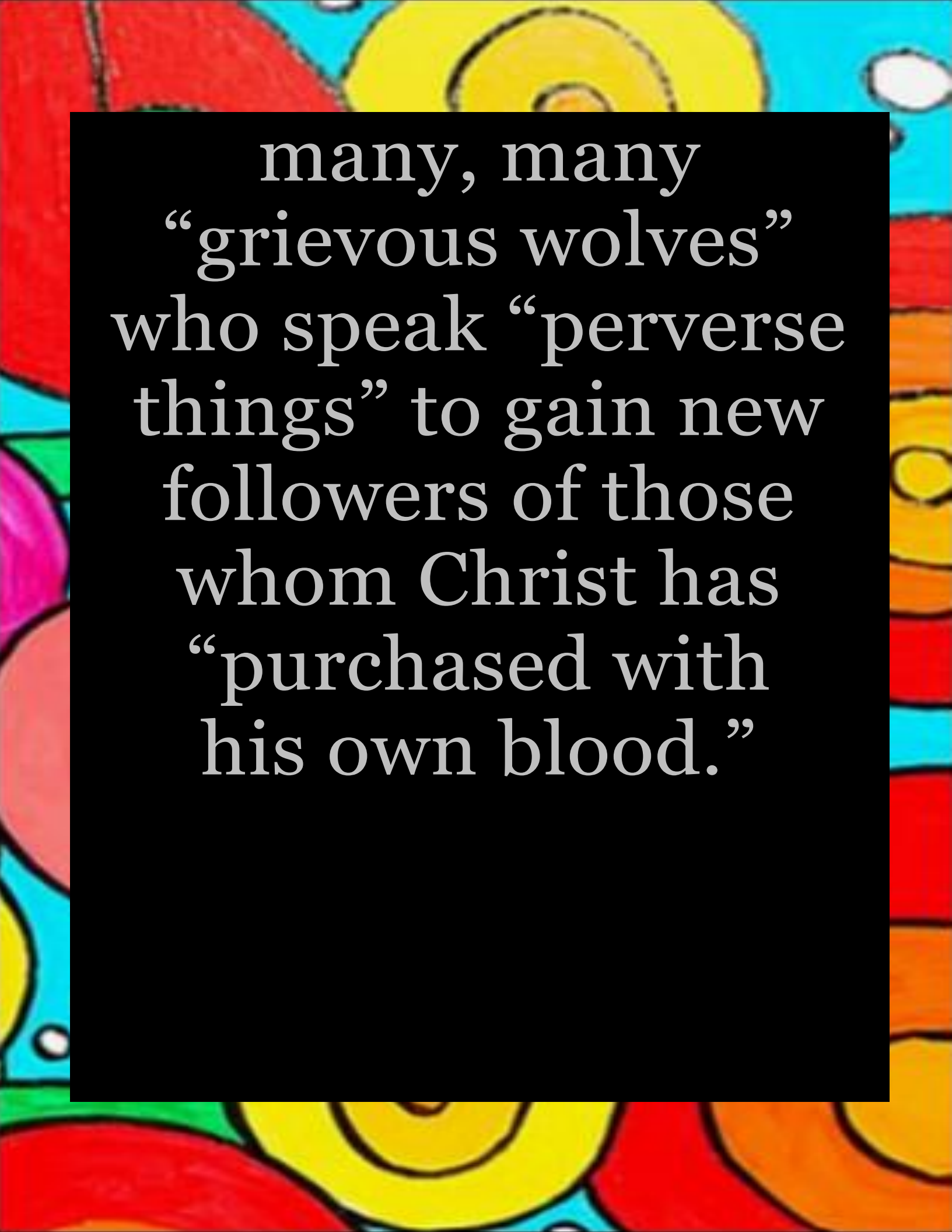
Notice key words and phrases such as, “watch, and remember” and “I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears”. These tear-stained warnings are that deception is waiting

to destroy fellowships of Believers.

The writer says he has not failed to share this godly admonition to “the church of God”, which consists of groups as well as individuals who

seek to faithfully follow Christ.

Tearful warnings went out day and night in hopes of sparing the people of God during that time. Those urgings still apply today for there are currently


many, many
“grievous wolves”
who speak “perverse
things” to gain new
followers of those
whom Christ has
“purchased with
his own blood.”

NOVEMBER 18

Bent Tongues

Jeremiah 9:3

And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for

they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the Lord.

Bent Tongues

It's at least fairly reasonable to conclude that God does not like lies. God was saying, according to the prophet Jeremiah:

They bend their tongues as an

archer bends his bow, but the arrows which are shot are, instead, lies. Those people are not strong or skilled in truth, but they are quite proficient when it comes to lying. They cover the

earth with lies. They “proceed from evil to evil”, meaning they go from one evil thing to another evil thing.

Though they claim to be God’s people,

they don't
even know
God.

The Great Bible,
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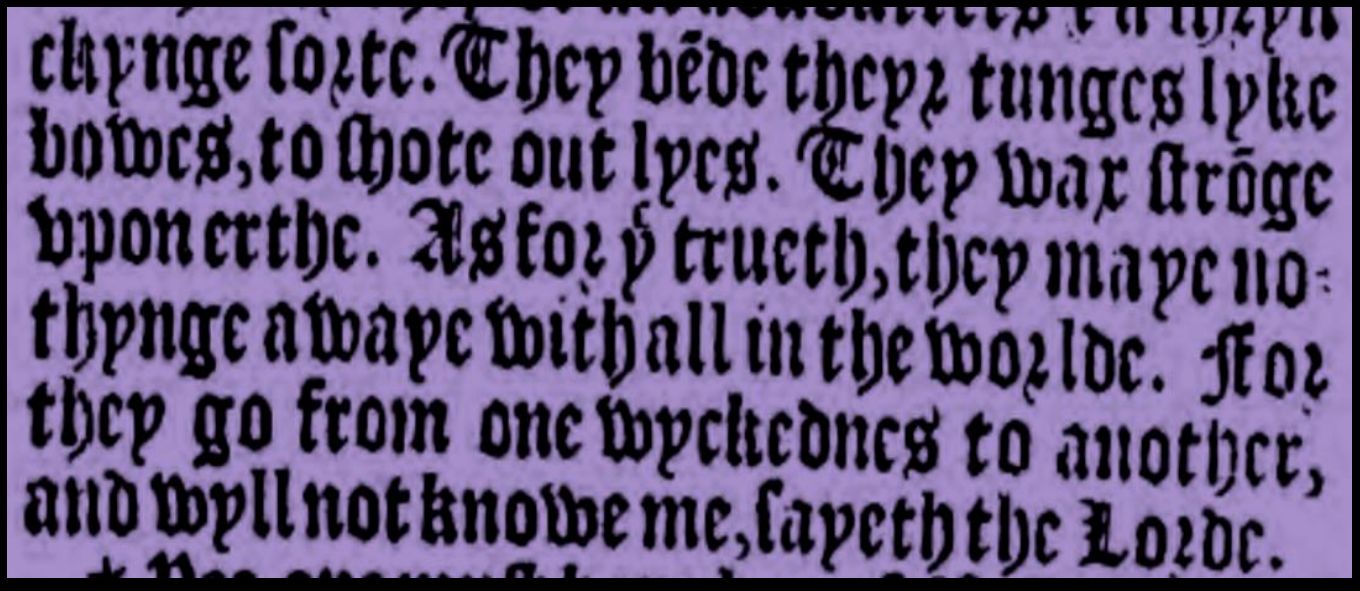
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bowes, to shote out lyes. They wax strōge
vpon erthe. As for ỹ trueth, they maye no-
thynge awaye withall in the worlde. For
they go from one wyckednes to another,
and wyll not knowe me, sayeth the Lorde.

They bend their tongues like bows, to shoot out lies.
They wax strong upon earth.
As for the truth, they may nothing away withal in the world.
For they go from

one wickedness to another, and will not know me, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah was considering the wickedness of this group of people.

This chapter starts with him saying he wishes he could get away from them. Then, it seems as if Jeremiah's weeping turns into God speaking through him:

They bend their tongues like bows and shoot out lies. They are powerful and influential on earth. As for the truth, though, they have nothing to do with it the

whole world over. They go from one wickedness to another and **refuse** to know me.

Regardless to the translation, it suffices to say

that the bending of the tongue, or purposefully lying, was so prevalent, that it was vexing to both the prophet and to God as well.

More modern phrases such as,

“Lying through your teeth”, and “your nose is growing” illustrate dishonesty in connection with the physical body as Jeremiah did by use of, “they bend their tongues like

their bow”.

Tongue-bending is sweeping this earth in today’s times. From interpersonal relationships to local, national, and international politics, the

bending of tongues is rampant.

Actually, one may be hard pressed to find any facet of life where there is the absence of bent tongues.

NOVEMBER 19

Seducing Spirits & Doctrines of Devils

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing

spirits, and
doctrines
of devils;

Seducing Spirits & Doctrines of Devils

The Spirit of God clearly states that in the latter times some will leave the faith and, instead, they will pay attention to seducing spirits and to doctrines

of devils.
As the years get closer and closer ro “the end” (or at least to an end of times as humans know them to be), some people are going to abandon THE FAITH. They are going

to toss away biblical godliness including the guidelines of God as well as the teachings of Christ as found in Scripture.

Instead, they will follow and

embrace spirits
that are tricky,
mind-numbing,
weakening and
distracting,
beguiling,
and bewitching.
Those are
seducing spirits.

They will accept

guidance which is against biblical instruction and will build themselves up in pride while rejecting Christ as the only savior. They will submit to various anti-Christ

doctrines
of devils.

NOVEMBER 20

It Is Written

Matthew 4:1-11

1 Then was Jesus
led up of the Spirit
into the wilderness
to be tempted
of the devil.
2 And when he had
fasted forty days
and forty nights,
he was afterward
an hungered.

[3] And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.
[4] But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread

alone, but by
every word that
proceedeth out of
the mouth of God.
5 Then the devil
taketh him up
into the holy city,
and setteth him
on a pinnacle
of the temple,
6 And saith unto

him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou

dash thy foot
against a stone.
7 Jesus said
unto him,
It is written again,
Thou shalt
not tempt
the Lord
thy God.
8 Again, the devil
taketh him up into

an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;
9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith
Jesus unto him,
Get thee hence,
Satan: for it is
written, Thou
shalt worship
the Lord thy God,
and him only
shalt thou serve.
11 Then the devil
leaveth him, and,

behold, angels
came and
ministered
unto him.

It Is Written

Three times, while in the wilderness, Jesus combated enticements through proper use of "it is written".

Those words

were accurately understood and correctly applied.

The biblical passage is an example and lesson to followers of Jesus when dealing with

the same
“tempter”.

For certain,
however, we
cannot say, “it
is written” and
apply it correctly,
if we don’t know
what is written
at the start.

We need to know what is written.

NOVEMBER 21

Walk and Talk *This Way*?

Titus 2:1-10

1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:
2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

[3] The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
[4] That they may teach the young

women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of

God be not
blasphemed.
6 Young men
likewise exhort
to be sober
minded.
7 In all things
shewing thyself
a pattern of
good works: in
doctrine shewing

uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, [8] Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say

of you.

9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things not answering again;

10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity;

that they
may adorn
the doctrine
of God our
Saviour
in all things.

Walk and Talk *This Way*?

Purloin – steal
Fidelity – loyalty, faithfulness, reliability, trustworthiness, devotion, commitment

♒Something To Think About♒

Elitist? Sexist?

Is this, and similar passages, mere outdated jargon which lends itself to ridicule? Or, on the other hand, do such verses demand a closer look into the times these things were written, the culture of the people

to whom these things were written, and the translators of these words?

What might God have 21st century Believers do with words like these? What was the example of

Messiah to followers concerning the value, treatment, and expectations of males and females, children, servants, and masters?
In present-day Westernized society, should

Believers *attempt to* observe these things and walk and talk this way?

Outside of some religious organizations or some individual homes, are

Believers
able to
walk and talk
this way?

NOVEMBER 22

Comfort Scripture

1 Maccabees 12:9

Therefore we also, albeit we need none of these things, that we have the holy books of scripture in our hands to comfort us,

Comfort Scripture

The people seemed to be appreciative of the letters of friendship, but more surely, they valued the “holy books of scripture”.

Whatever those particular books

were at that time,
those people
highly regarded
them and felt that,
in their hands, the
books brought
them comfort.

Rather than
indulging in
comfort foods,

could we find
as much pleasure
or the sense of
security in
Scripture?

Could the new
catch phrase ever
become “Comfort
Scripture”?

NOVEMBER 23
Spirit
vs.
Flesh

Galatians 5:16

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

For Deeper Thought & Meditation:

What is the difference between spirit and flesh?

How can

physical beings
“walk in
the Spirit”?

What does
“the Spirit”
really mean?

Nonbelievers
may not care,
but why would
Believers want

to avoid
satisfying
“the
lust of
the flesh”?

NOVEMBER 24

Sowing & Reaping, Now & Later

Galatians 6:7-9

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of

the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.
9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due

season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Sowing & Reaping.
Now & Later.

Don't believe
the lies.
God is not being
made a fool of
by people.

Humans really
do reap whatever
we sow.

The principle of
get what you give
is in force.
People will
bring in what
they put out.

Build of flesh, and
yield corruption.
Build of the
Spirit, and

yield everlasting life.

So, don't get frustrated with doing the right things while seemingly going unrewarded—or even seemingly being punished

for doing what is right— that is what's *right*, according to biblical standards.

Don't conclude that those who appear to be advancing while they are sinning won't be punished. Don't get to the

point that you give up because of the way things look. Don't quit. Don't faint.

If we plant the right things now, we'll collect, the right things later.

NOVEMBER 25

Adversary?
Afflictions?
Roaring
Lion?

Resist!

1 Peter 5:8, 9

8 Be sober,
be vigilant;
because your
adversary the
devil, as a
roaring lion,
walketh about,
seeking whom
he may devour:
9 Whom resist

stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Adversary? Afflictions? Roaring Lion? Resist!

You,
True Believer,
are dealing with
an enemy—
an adversary
who has
no love and
no mercy
for you.

That enemy is called the devil and that adversarial spirit is very real.

It looks for and scans for every opportunity to viciously consume you

just as a lion
tears its
prey apart.

You are to
strongly and
continuously
resist this
adversary
“in the faith”.
It’s by faith in

Christ that you
will be able
to stand firm
against this
entity who
absolutely
hates you.

You need to
know that the
devil really does

hate True, Christ-following Believers. You really need to understand this deeply.

In fact, if the devil doesn't hate you; absolutely detest and despise you, it may be

because you're
more on
his side and more
like him than you
may want to
admit to yourself.

The more you
speak and behave
as Christ did and
taught, the more

the enemy of
your soul
hates you.

You should also
know that it's not
just you; this is
happening with
your brothers
and sisters all
over the world.

So, when you're up against personal adversaries, know that they are sent straight from your adversary, the devil.

When you're suffering, seeming unusual, afflictions,

recognize the origin. It's that devil who is investigating your life to see where you're vulnerable for attack and destruction.

Okay. So now what?

What can be done about the vile and hateful enemy of our souls?

Resist!
This passage tells how to resist.
It says to be "sober" and to be "vigilant"

and to be
“steadfast” in
the faith.

So we must
do that.
Be alert.
Be on guard.
Be non-stop in the
faith of Messiah to
resist the enemy.

NOVEMBER 26

The Perfect Law of Liberty

James 1:25

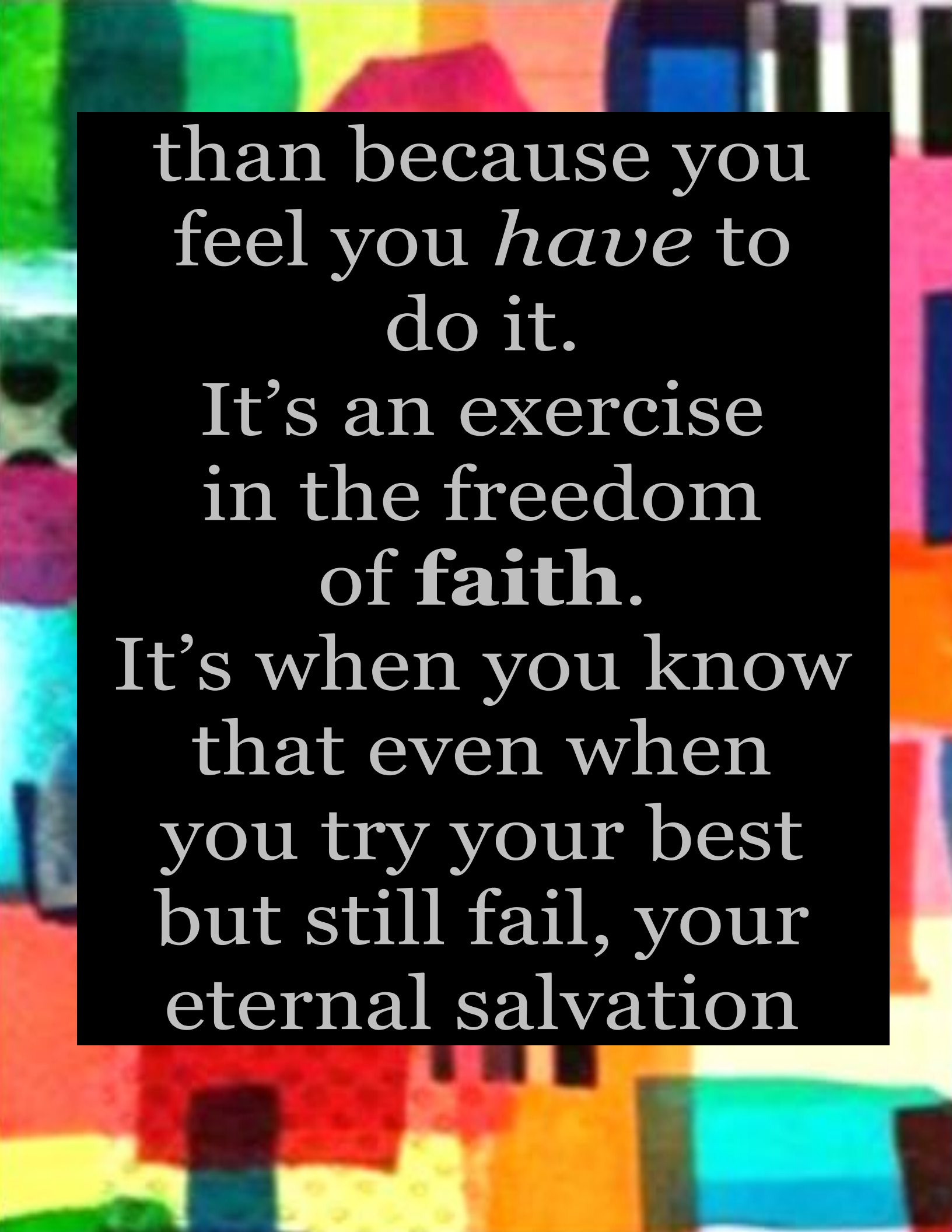
But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but

a doer of
the work,
this man
shall be
blessed in
his deed.

The Perfect Law of Liberty

The perfect law of liberty? What is that?

It could be described as doing the right and good thing because you *want* to, rather


than because you
feel you *have* to
do it.
It's an exercise
in the freedom
of **faith**.
It's when you know
that even when
you try your best
but still fail, your
eternal salvation

is not in jeopardy; it's not dependent on mandated acts.

Even so, godly actions are what you pursue by choice. You have the liberty to do *one thing* or *another thing*,

but out of love for God and for others, you don't let your liberty become a stumbling block to others.

Looking into the perfect law of liberty is to

study what the perfect law of liberty really means.
It's to learn the importance of it, and to remember it by living the right way on a day-to-day basis.

NOVEMBER 27

The Trial of Man

Ecclesiasticus 27:5

The furnace proveth the potter’s vessel: so the trial of man is in his reasoning.

The Trial of Man

Prove:
1) to test or try;
2) to establish or demonstrate;
3) to show by experience.

Questions:
What does a furnace do to a

potter's vessel?

What does a kiln do to a pottery worker's creation?

Answer:
Heats, hardens, dries, melts, and chemically changes properties.

How a person really is, or *who* he or she really is (the deepest and truest self), is revealed. More accurately, how we think (our method of reasoning), is made known

by the way we handle trials and hardships.

What is the end result of the personal challenge?

After the harsh experience, after

the fires, how does our pottery (our life) look?

Just as a furnace causes intensive changes in pottery and establishes what that clay really is, so will hard, even

horrible, experiences produce changes and demonstrate how a person really is (on the inside) how they think, believe, or reason.

When we have

been *heated*
with some of
the hottest
temperatures
possible (or put
to the most
grueling tests),
those furnace
temperatures
produce changes
within us—even

to the point of
revealing the
way we think.

This describes
the trial
of man
(or humans)
in connection
to our reasoning.

NOVEMBER 28

Try the Spirits

1 John 4:1

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Try the Spirits

Trying, or testing,
the spirits
is needed in
everything.
But how?

Test by asking
yourself similar
questions to these:

Is it the Spirit of God as supported by rightly divided Scripture or, instead, is it the spirit of the anti-Christ with its myriad doctrines that overtly or subvertly oppose Christ?

Does it declare Jesus as the only begotten son of God?

Does it, rather, relegate Jesus to a good man or one of many prophets or just a spiritual concept?

Whatever “it” may be: a teaching, an attitude, a belief system, a practice etc, if it denies Jesus as flesh-and-blood Messiah, it is against Christ.

Who says so?
1 John, chapter 4,

verses 2 and 3 says:
This is
the way to know
the Spirit of God:

Every spirit
which confesses
that Jesus Christ
has come in the
flesh, is of God, and
every spirit that
does not confess

that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God. That's the spirit of antichrist.

Believers are not told to just trust pastors, teachers, elders, or social media sites. No.

We are told to try the spirits.

It is the responsibility of each saint to try the spirits as guided by the Spirit of God and by Scripture.

NOVEMBER 29

Alone? Not Alone!

John 16:32, 33

32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because

the Father
is with me.
33 These things
I have spoken
unto you, that
in me ye might
have peace.
In the world
ye shall have
tribulation:
but be of good

cheer; I have
overcome
the world.

Not Alone

QUESTION:
Why should I be of good cheer with a guarantee of tribulation and how does Christ's having overcome the world *then*, help me navigate this world *now*?

ANSWER:
While these words were spoken to a specific group of people during a specific time concerning a specific prophecy, there are applications for us today. This passage was, and

is, genuine
comfort which
is based on truth;
it is not a pacifier
of false security.

Christ was saying:
I'm telling you these
things in hopes that
you will have peace
IN ME. You will have

really hard times
while you're
in this world, but
cheer up because
that’s not the end
of the story.
I have already
overcome the
penalty imposed
upon humans.

I have already overcome so you don't have to worry about paying the price of the built-in sin of humankind. I've already paid it. So, despite much suffering that you WILL endure while you're on earth, be

comforted by the reality that I've taken care of things.

It's IN ME that you have the GUARANTEE of something better.

Though it will
appear as if
I'm alone, I
won't be alone
and neither will
you be alone.

NOVEMBER 30

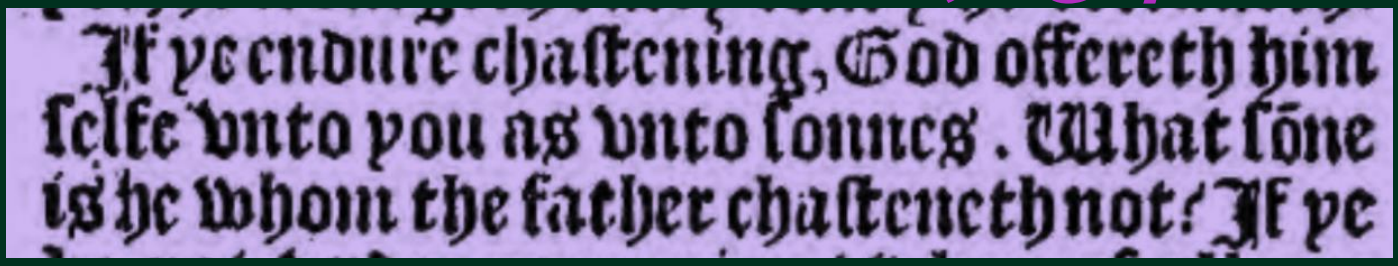
Caring Correction

Hebrews 12:7

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

Caring Correction

The Great Bible, 1540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If ye endure chastening, God offereth himself unto you as unto sons. What son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

The heavenly Father gives caring correction to those he loves. That's what *good* earthly fathers do as well. As the Great Bible words it, God offers himself to Believers in

disciplining us. Understanding chastening as an offering from God to us, makes it more personal and special.

When we really do comprehend the true nature of

God's chastening,
we come to
appreciate the
correction of
the Father
as love.

In fact,
2 Maccabees
6:12-17, in the
Great Bible,

uses the terms “lovingkindness” and “grace” to describe God’s chastening.

In modern times, this can be described as caring correction.

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